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SUBJECT: GOI ACTION ON SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY SUPPORTED RE-
SEARCH PROJECTS

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE JOINT
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS (DEA) REFERRING TO THE 12 SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY
(SFC) RESEARCH PROJECTS SENT BY THE EMBASSY TO THE DEA IN JULY.
THESE PROJECTS HAD BEEN CLEARED BY THE GOI DURING 1974
AND 1975 AND WERE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL
BY U.S. AGENCIES SINCE THAT TIME. THE DEA HAD REQUESTED
THAT THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED BY THE GOI IN
LIGHT OF THE NEW PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR CLEARANCE OF
JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS FINANCED WITH U.S.-OWNED RUPEES
(SEE REFTEL B).

2. THE MOF/EEA LETTER INFORMS THE EMBASSY THAT THE FOLLOWING
PROJECTS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING:

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INDIAN & U.S. COLLAB- AMOUNT DURATION

ORATING INSTITUTE TITLE OF PROJECT (RUPEES) (YEARS)

A. INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR CON- 268,800 3
SCIENCE, BANGALORE FORMATIONS OF
NIH OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

B. GOVT COLLEGE OF INTERACTION OF 99,204 3
ENGINEERING & SONICS WITH AN
TECHNOLOGY, IONIZED MEDIUM
RAVISHANKAR UNIV.,
RAIPUR
NATIONAL OCEANIC
& ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN.

C. INDIAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT OF 141,970 3
SCIENCE, BANGALORE SOFT X-RAY PROBES
NIH & EXAMINATION OF
STRUCTURE OF
CHROMOSOMES

D. INDIAN COUNCIL OF STUDIES ON IN- 1,204,735 3
MEDICAL RESEARCH, FECTIOUS
DELHI HEPATITIS IN
NIH INDIA

THE FOLLOWING PROJECT WAS APPROVED FOR FUNDING:

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF STUDIES ON BIO- 450,000 2
SCIENCE, BANGALORE POLYMER CHAIN
NIH CONFORMATION

3. THE REMAINING EIGHT PROJECTS LISTED BELOW STILL ARE UNDER
REVIEW AND THE EMBASSY CAN EXPECT A REPLY SHORTLY.

A. ALL INDIAN INSTITUTE COORDINATED RE- 510,295 3
OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SEARCH PROJECTS ON
NEW DELHI; NATIONAL MYCOTOXINS IN FOOD
INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION,
HYDERABAD
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B. INDIAN COUNCIL OF MED. A COLLABORATIVE 1,527,000 3
RESEARCH, NEW DELHI STUDY ON I) STROKE
NIH AND II) ISCHAEMIC
HEART DISEASE IN
YOUNG

C. INDIAN COUNCIL OF MED. COLLABORATIVE 261,900 3
RESEARCH, NEW DELHI STUDY ON
NIH UROLITHIASIS

D. CHRISTIAN MED. COLLABORATIVE 400,000 3
COLLEGE, VELLORE NEUROLOGICAL
POSTGRADUATE INST. OF STUDIES
MEDICAL EDUCATION &
RES. CALCUTTA
NIH

E. MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE BIO-FEED BACK 370,300 3
MADRAS STUDY OF HIGHER
NIH NERVOUS FUNCTIONS &
ITS APPLICATION TO
THERAPY OF NERVOUS
DISORDERS

F. MADRAS MED. COLLEGE RES. & DEMON- 444,000 3-1/2
MADRAS STRATION PROJECT
RSA FOR REHABILITATION
OF PARAPLEGIA IN
MADRAS

G. MAULANA AZAD MED. STUDY OF CERE- 469,210 3
COLLEGE, NEW DELHI BROVASCULAR
RSA DISEASE IN NEW DELHI
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE
TO REHABILITATION OF
DYSPHASIC IN MULTI-
LINGUAL SOCIETY

H. INDIAN INSTITUTE OF STUDIES ON BIO- 450,000 2
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SCIENCE, BANGALORE POLYMER CHAIN
NIH CONFORMATION

4. COMMENTS. THIS ACTION IS THE RESULT OF THE FIRST MEETING
HELD BY THE NEWLY FORMED "HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE" UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE CABINET SECRETARY, MR. PANDE. THE EMBASSY
SCIENCE OFFICER WAS TOLD BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE ICMR, WHO
ATTENDED THE MEETING, THAT THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED ONLY THE
13 PROJECTS SENT BY THE EMBASSY TO THE MOF. THIS CONSISTED
OF 11 PROJECTS IN THE HEALTH AND BIOLOGY FIELD OR ONE IN
PHYSICS. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE
COMMITTEE MEMBER FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHO WAS NOT
FAMILIAR WITH THE PROJECTS OR THE NEW CLEARANCE PROCEDURE.
CONSEQUENTLY, THE CHAIRMAN POSTPONED THE REVIEW OF THE REMAIN-
ING PROJECTS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING (EARLY NEXT WEEK) WHEN

THE REGULAR MEMBER FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTRY COULD BE PRESENT.
THE ICMR OFFICIAL INDICATED HE COULD SEE NO REAL PROBLEM
WITH THE CLEARANCE OF THESE REMAINING PROJECTS.

IN ANY EVENT, AS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL B, WE BELIEVE THE GOI
STRONGLY WISHES TO CONTINUE SCIENCE COLLABORATION AS EVIDENT BY
ESTABLISHING THIS NEW COMPLICATED STRUCTURE FOR REVIEW AND
APPROVAL OF NEW JOINT PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THEIR CONCEPTION
IS DIRECTED MORE TOWARD A NEW TYPE OF COLLABORATION ON
PRIORITY PROJECTS EARMARKED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMISSION AND
ESTABLISHED FOR FUNDING BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THE RESULT WILL
LIKELY BE A SOMEWHAT REDUCED REQUIREMENT IN THE FUTURE FOR SFC
AS WE SEEM TO BE MOVING TOWARDS A MORE EQUAL PARTICIPATION BOTH
FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY.
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